

Docket No: Peon 5-1-3
Serial No. 09/885,777

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-20 were pending. Claims 3-5 and 15-17 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 13 and 14 were rejected. Claims 1, 2, 13 and 14 are canceled, obviating the rejection thereof.

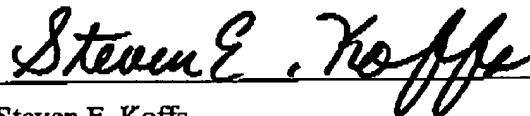
The examiner objected to claims 6-12 and 18-20 as being dependent on rejected base claims, but noted that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 6, 9, 18 and 19 are rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim (there are no intervening claims). Claims 7 and 8 depend on claim 6. Claims 10-12 depend on claim 9. Claim 20 depends on claim 19. Therefore, claims 6-12 and 18-20 should now all be allowable.

Having canceled all rejected claims, and rewritten the claims to which the Examiner objected in the form required by the office action, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Should any unresolved issues remain, the examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number below.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to Duane Morris LLP deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,



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